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CHARLES A. MEURER COMMITTS SUICIDE BY INHALING GAS

Wealthy Philadelphia Manufacturer, Retired, Found Dead in Kitchen of Home at Wyncote.

Charles A. Meurer, 60 years old, of Plainbrook and Maple avenues, Wyncote, a wealthy retired Philadelphia manufacturer, prominent in Masonic circles, committed suicide today at his home by inhaling illuminating gas. He is believed to have been temporarily deranged as a result of ill health and other worries.

A two-hour battle was made by a physician and a nurse from the Abington Memorial Hospital with a pump motor to save Mr. Meurer's life, but in vain. The body was discovered in the kitchen of the home shortly before 7 o'clock this morning by servants, who notified members of the family.

Mr. Meurer had closed all the doors and windows and turned on the jets of the gas range. He then sat down in a chair beside the range, and the body was found in the kitchen of the home shortly before 7 o'clock this morning by servants, who notified members of the family.

For some months Mr. Meurer had been ill, but so far as was known he had given no indication of an intention to end his life. The first inkling of the suicide was received at the hospital by telephone at 7 o'clock this morning. Dr. Sprague, the resident physician, and a nurse hurried to the Meurer home in the ambulance with a pump motor. They worked over the body until 9:15 o'clock and then gave up the attempt.

Mr. Meurer had been active in the community life of Wyncote and was one of the most widely known residents of the place. The family home is one of the finest at Wyncote. Mr. Meurer retired from business ten years ago.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, one of whom is the wife of Frank A. Harrigan, an attorney with offices in the Franklin Bank Building. Mr. Harrigan is Democratic reorganization leader in Montgomery County.

UNDERTAKERS SCOUT TALK OF HIGHER FUNERAL COST

Prices of Materials Not Seriously Affected by the War in Europe.

But for the cost of the materials, the funeral business in Philadelphia is not seriously affected by the war in Europe. Undertakers are not seriously affected by the war in Europe. Undertakers are not seriously affected by the war in Europe.

There is nothing used by embalmers, it is said, which could possibly be affected in cost to any appreciable extent by the European war, and as far as the actual cost of the materials is concerned, there is no more expensive now than before.

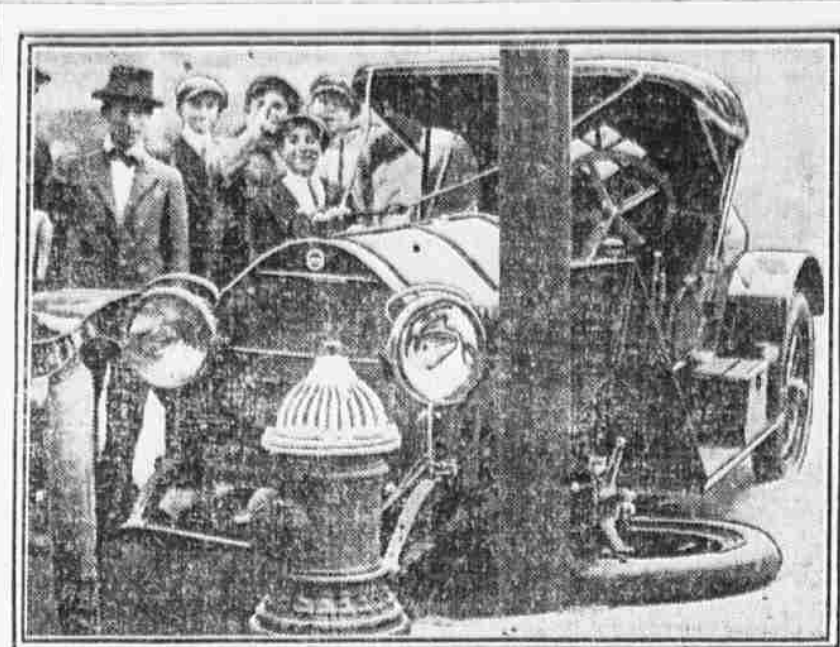
Samuel R. Foster, 128 Federal street, president of the Philadelphia Funeral Directors' Association, said an increase in the cost of funerals because of the European war would be an utterly untenable position for any undertaker to take. "There is only one thing," he said, "which might be affected and that is the handling of coffins. These are silvered by chemicals which come from Germany, but the increased cost of funerals is so small that the cost of a funeral could not possibly be made greater because of it."

There is nothing to it," was the statement of Charles W. Nauty, 1703 and Pine streets. Mr. Nauty is secretary of the local association. "I do not see how any person could have said such a thing," he said. "For there is no reason for an increase. All materials used in embalming or otherwise preparing persons for burial are made in this country and cannot be affected by the war."

George Chandler, 1015, Seventh and Poplar streets, former president of the National Funeral Directors' Association, said it could not be said that the price of funerals will be affected by the war abroad as an excuse for this action.

Harry Battersby, of the firm of William H. Battersby, 316 North Broad street, characterized the report of the committee as "everything we need in our business is made in this country," he said. "The only things which have increased in price and might affect the cost of funerals are lumber and horse feed, but this additional cost is so slight it would be foolish to use it as an excuse. As a matter of fact, if it were at all paid, I should like to decrease the cost of our services instead of raising it."

At the office of Oliver H. Bate & Co., 159 Chestnut street, and R. R. Brinkhurst & Co., 15 North 13th street, a credence was placed in the Atlantic City rumor. Officials said there was absolutely no need for an increase.



AUTO WRECKED AGAINST TROLLEY POLE
View of Morton Kahn's roadster at Sixteenth and Chestnut streets after accident caused by his swerving to avoid a taxicab.

CHAUFFEUR WRECKS AUTO TO AVOID COLLISION

Drives Machine Against Trolley Pole and Prevents Hitting Taxicab.

Driving his automobile into a trolley pole to avoid crashing into a taxicab last night at Sixteenth and Chestnut streets, John Fox, a chauffeur, narrowly missed injuring his employer, Morton Kahn, and Miss Grace Hemingway, the latter's companion.

The night front wheel was torn from the machine with the exception of the hub, and the occupants were almost hurled over the windshield. Kahn occupied the driver's seat, and in connection with the accident from removing all marks of identification from the wrecked machine and locking them in a box on the back of the car.

Kahn is connected with the firm of Solomon Kahn & Son, furniture dealers, 315 West Girard avenue. He lives at 229 North Thirteenth street, and Miss Hemingway at 186 North Nineteenth street. The chauffeur was complimented by Mr. Kahn. He said that had they struck the taxicab they could not have escaped injury.

The accident occurred at 10:30 o'clock and the car was not removed until this morning.

WILL ASK COUNCILS FOR AUTO BUS LINE FRANCHISE TODAY

New Company Plans to Operate 120 Heavy Cars. Damage to Pavements Feared—Director Taylor Won't Comment.

An effort to obtain a city franchise for an omnibus line on the principal streets will be made today at the meeting of the City Council. For days a story has been current that part of the program of opposition to the subway proposition was to be a petition for an omnibus line, on the plea that it would relieve the need for improved traffic facilities. This, the story ran, would be seized upon as an excuse to delay action on the subway.

Walter C. McIntire, an electrical contractor at 12 North Fifth street, is the man in charge of the omnibus project. He is related to George C. Piets, of the Board of Registration Commissioners. The belief that the scheme may be urged as a substitute for other transit plans is supported by a statement issued by McIntire for the United Traction Improvement Company, which will operate the line.

McIntire says: "The petition for the franchise puts the question of immediate relief of passenger traffic conditions in the residential sections squarely up to the city government."

In the days when the omnibus line was nothing but a rumor those who heard it said the plan might be used to divert attention from the transit proposition before Councils.

"Of course, a bus line never would take the place of a subway," said one man prominent in the transit movement. "It is a poor thing to have a bus line, but it is a better thing to have a subway line."

Taylor won't comment.

Director Taylor, of the City Transit Department, declined to discuss the plan for an omnibus line. He had not heard a petition for a franchise was to be introduced.

Electricity generated by gasoline motors carried on the cars will be the motive power for the new bus line. The "United Traction Improvement Company" is the name of the organization which seeks the franchise. McIntire is the president.

According to McIntire the organization officials have visited England, Germany and France to study modern omnibus construction. The United Traction Improvement Company will have 120 cars. McIntire says. Each can carry 25 passengers at a speed of 14 miles an hour. The cars will weigh 16,000 pounds, but that is not too great a weight for the pavement, McIntire asserts.

Three routes are designated in the petition to the City Council.

Route number one will start at Front and Market streets, and will traverse Market, Broad, Porter, 21st, Wolf, 33rd, Myrtle, 44th and Chestnut streets.

Route number two will start at Front and Market streets, and will traverse Market, Broad, Porter, 21st, Wolf, 33rd, Myrtle, 44th and Chestnut streets.

Route number three will start at Front and Market streets, and will traverse Market, Broad, Porter, 21st, Wolf, 33rd, Myrtle, 44th and Chestnut streets.

GIRL OF TEN YEARS DISAPPEARS FROM HER HUMBLE HOME

Police Dragnet Out for Mamie McCloskey, Who Often Complained of Poverty's Trials.

Ten-year-old Mamie McCloskey, of 129 New street, has mysteriously disappeared from her home, and there is not the slightest clue to her whereabouts. Detective Captain Cameron, with the McCloskey boy mystery fresh in his mind, decided to take no chances and immediately spread a dragnet over the city.

Plain clothes men in every district have a description of the girl and ran down several clues which brought no result.

Hardships of poverty, it is said, led the girl to forsake her home, playmates and school, and go away to seek elsewhere a life of better things. Today a grief-stricken mother, who tells she is poor, they said, and seemed sad because it was not possible for her to have pretty clothes and little trinkets like other girls had. "She often said she would have better things some day," one little girl said.

Leaving her mother, Mamie went to the home on New street, packed a small bundle of clothing and when last seen was walking in the direction of Delaware avenue.

Children at the public school say she has frequently told of her dissatisfaction at home. She did not want to go to school, and seemed sad because it was not possible for her to have pretty clothes and little trinkets like other girls had. "She often said she would have better things some day," one little girl said.

Robert Emmett Dillon gave up his life today at the Hahnemann Hospital, a sacrifice to the love and admiration he bore for his father, Robert Emmett Dillon was a son of Luke Dillon, the Irish patriot, who left his home and friends in this city more than fourteen years ago and went to Canada with two other men, where he dynamited the Welland Canal locks to prevent the Dominion from sending troops to fight against the Boers.

Last July the elder Dillon was released as the result of years of effort by his friends. His son had been bedridden for weeks with an intestinal complication. Against the advice of his physician and the pleadings of his family he got up and went to Atlantic City to take part in a family reunion in honor of his father.

Two weeks later Robert Emmett Dillon came to his home at 234 South Hemmer street and was put back to bed. Excitement had kept him on his feet at the shore, but when he returned he collapsed. Since that time he had been growing steadily weaker. About two weeks ago it was decided that to save his life it would be necessary to perform an operation and he was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital.

After the operation Dillon failed to rally and this morning he died. His body was taken to the home of his white-haired father, at 1412 South Thirteenth street.

FATHER BOWED BY GRIEF.

Fourteen years in prison had failed to break the spirit of Luke Dillon, but when the body of his son was brought home today he bowed his head. The shock was more terrible to him than the sentence of life imprisonment passed on him fourteen years ago.

Four brothers, a sister, the mother, a wife and two children survive, besides the father. The mother is now 90 years old. She also is white haired. She has recovered her husband and lost her son.

Luke Dillon went to Atlantic City last July following his release from the Kingston Penitentiary for the same reason that prompted him when he gave a fictitious name at the time of his arrest fourteen years ago to shield his family from publicity. He made arrangements by telegram to meet his wife and children at a hotel he remembered having visited. When he got to Atlantic City he found the hotel was no longer there. It had been removed to make way for improvements.

The wife and children for hours searched the city for the husband and father. They met by accident. Robert Emmett Dillon then started out to do everything in his power to make his father forget his long years in jail. He took him on his first automobile ride, walked with him for hours about the city, and listened to the old man tell again and again of his attempted escape for Ireland.

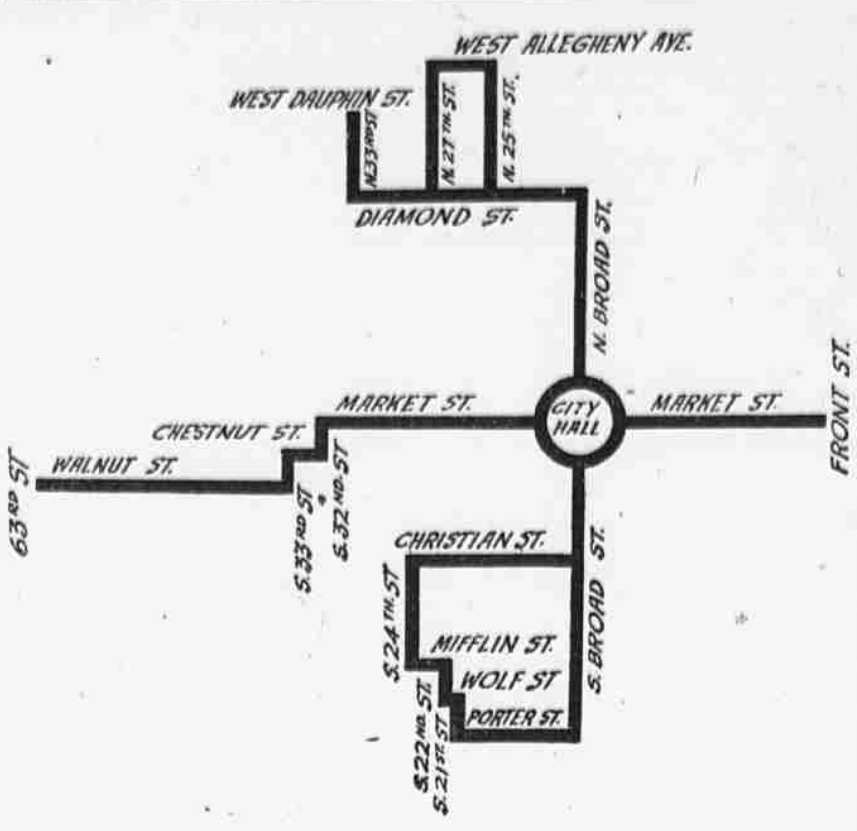
SON WEAKENED BY DEVOTION.

The result was that young Dillon weakened himself beyond hope of recovery. After Luke Dillon was arrested, in 1900, the family knew nothing of his whereabouts for years. He wrote to his wife from the penitentiary, told her of his sentence, and suggested that as she would never see him again it was better to mourn him as dead. The children never knew their father was alive until they had grown up.

In his early manhood it was the ambition of the young man who died today to search for his father. He of all the children and friends of the family never believed the patriot was dead.

The funeral will be held next Monday morning with service in the Annunciation Catholic Church, and interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery. Doling plays have not yet been made, but it is probable that a delegation of the Clan-na-Gael will attend the services and follow the body to the grave. This organization has much to do with obtaining the release of Luke Dillon from the Canadian prison.

Robert Emmett Dillon was 35 years old.



PROPOSED AUTO BUS LINE
A petition for a franchise to operate double-deck gaso-electric cars will be put before Common Council today. The project has been hailed by traction men interested in the Taylor rapid transit plan as a scheme to give an excuse for delaying action on subway. The "United Traction Improvement Company" fathers the plan.

LUKE DILLON'S SON PAYS WITH LIFE FOR DEVOTION TO FATHER

Succumbs to Illness Aggravated by His Labor Following Irish Patriot's Release From Canadian Jail.

NAVY YARD TO LOSE TWO OFFICERS SOON

Paymaster Orr to Leave for Philippine Islands Station.

Changes soon to be made at the Philadelphia Navy Yard include the transfer to other cities of two well-known officers. They are Paymaster R. H. Orr, who is to be sent to Manila, P. I., and Assistant Surgeon A. E. Man, who will go to the Navy Yard Medical School, at Washington.

Other officers will be sent to the navy yard at League Island to fill vacancies caused by the transfer of Paymaster Orr and Doctor Man. The former will be succeeded by Pay Inspector E. D. Ryan, who is now stationed at New Orleans. As yet no successor has been named for Doctor Man.

The actual date of departure for the officers has not yet been announced by Navy Department officials at Washington. It is expected, however, it will occur shortly.

Paymaster Orr has been at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for three and a half years. This is considered a record, as a paymaster seldom remains at one station more than three years. His city address was 456 Walnut street.

Dr. A. E. Man, who was appointed paymaster on board the gunboat Helena and remained with the craft three years, the best part of which was spent in the Philippines. He was detached from the Helena to the ship Culgoon, where he remained for three years. Later he was appointed navy paymaster, with headquarters at Seattle. Two years later he was sent to the battleship Mississippi. This boat was recently sold to Greece. Paymaster Orr has been in Philadelphia since 1911.

BLAMES WINE AND WOMEN

Credit Clerk in Department Store Admits Embezzling Funds.

William R. Seesinger, 22 years old, of 444 South 43d street, a department store employee, was brought before Magistrate Tracey, at the Eleventh and Winter streets station, this morning, accused of embezzling \$129 of the firm's money.

According to the testimony of George Humphreys, a detective attached to the store, Seesinger, who was employed as credit clerk in the accounting department and who for three years was a trusted employee, collected a number of bills gave receipts but manipulated the books in such a way as not to show that he had received the money. He admitted he had spent the money in cabarets.

"Wine and women did it," he said in speaking of the motive behind the embezzlement.

Seesinger was held for a further hearing next Wednesday, in order to give accountants a chance to examine his books and to determine the exact amount of the funds embezzled.

BOY IS CHIEF WITNESS

His Story Leads Magistrate to Hold Two for Shooting Girl.

Twelve-year-old Thomas Polombo today told a story to Magistrate Tracey that resulted in John Bartelle and Anthony Maitra being held in \$1000 bail each for the alleged shooting of 15-year-old Yetta Grepan, daughter of the late Yetta Grepan, 23 East at Fifth and Montrose streets.

Bartelle and Maitra, said by the police to be leaders of two warring gangs in the city, were charged with having participated in a row in which bricks, knives and revolvers were used. At least two shots were fired. One of the bullets struck Yetta and she is in the Pennsylvania Hospital, a serious condition.

Polombo lives at 408 Carpenter street and Yetta at 418 Carpenter street. They were standing on the sidewalk when the shots were fired. The boy told Magistrate Tracey that he saw a revolver in the hand of one man, but that they were scuffling and he could not identify them. He also testified that the men admitted they were fighting and that a gun had been used.

NIGHT SESSIONS FOR SENATE

Democrats Plan Drastic Action to Break Republican Filibuster.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Determined to meet the Republican filibuster against the river and harbor bill with drastic action, the Senate today planned to begin night sessions tonight if possible, but within the next day or two in any event. Senator Sheppard, of Texas, who has been active in the fight to pass the bill, was delegated to obtain signatures of those Senators who would agree to attend night sessions so as to assure a quorum.

Senator Kroyon, of Iowa, today continued his attack on the bill. This is the fourth day that he has occupied the floor.

RACINE BANK CLOSES DOORS

RACINE, Wis., Sept. 17.—The Commercial Savings Bank closed its doors here today. The cause is said to have been due to heavy withdrawals and the inability to realize on securities. The bank has a capital stock of \$600,000 and a surplus of \$250,000. The deposits are about \$250,000.

BIG OIL TANKER GULFSTREAM JOINS MERCHANT MARINE

Launch at Yards of New York Shipbuilding Company Witnessed by Cheering Multitude.

Miss Agnes Hain, daughter of Robert Hain, representative of Lloyd's Shipping Registry in this city, smashed the ribbon bedecked bottle of wine upon the prow of a new oil tank steamer as the new York Shipbuilding Company's Camden plant shortly before noon today and christened it the Gulfstream for the Gulf Oil Company. As the wine splashed in the air the big vessel began her graceful slide down the ways for her final plunge into the waters of the Delaware River.

Cheers of the multitude of employees perched in perilous position above the company's various shipways, and the cheering of the assembled guests mingled with the shrill of the sirens of vessels on the river and factories along its banks in welcome to the new addition to the American merchant marine.

The Gulfstream is one of a half dozen big tank steamships constructed for the Gulf Oil Company's coastwise trade by the New York Shipbuilding Company.

TWO HELD FOR ASSAULT

Man Knocked Down by Would-be Robbers, Who Are Arrested.

Another attempted highway robbery in southwest Philadelphia—the fourth in the last two weeks—resulted this morning in the arrest of two Negroes. The men were arraigned at Central Station this morning on the charge of highway robbery.

The prisoners gave their names as James Lomax, 15 years old, of 1210 South 34th street, and Gray Bunston, 21 years old, of the same address. George Annans, 35 years old, of 1206 South 17th street, the victim, identified Lomax, and the police say he implicated Bunston.

SEEKING HOSPITAL SITE

Committee Named to Decide Location for West Philadelphia Hospital.

A building committee to visit hospitals throughout the city in quest of ideas for the new \$100,000 building of the West Philadelphia Hospital, the Philadelphia Hospital Association has appointed, and efforts will be made to have work started by January 1 next. The money for the new building was raised in a 15 day campaign last summer.

At the present time the hospital is occupying the old Yewell mansion in 84th street, and is crowded. The new building is the only one of its kind in that section of the city and is said to handle more accident cases than any other West Philadelphia hospital.

The building committee, which will draw up the plans for the new structure, is composed of H. M. Armstrong, chairman; Emil J. Schelenger, Dr. H. M. Gay, Dr. J. D. Cullen, Dr. W. H. Visher and William Markaker, the latter president of the hospital.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

For eastern Pennsylvania—Increasing cloudiness, followed by showers Friday and in south portion tonight; moderate east winds.

For New Jersey—Rain tonight and probably tomorrow; not much change in temperature.

The southern storm has moved inland over Georgia and is losing energy. All danger of vessels being apparently passed and warnings have been ordered discontinued along the South Atlantic coast. The storm has been attended by moderate heavy rains which have covered the entire section. The storm continues over the northwestern portion of the country attended by fair weather and moderate temperatures. The temperature has fallen rapidly in the States during the last 24 hours.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Observations made at 8 p. m. Eastern time.

Temp.	Wind	Clouds	Pressure	Direction	Force	Temp.	Wind	Clouds	Pressure	Direction	Force
Albany, N. Y.	72	72	SE	8	Cloudy	Albany, N. Y.	72	72	SE	8	Cloudy
Baltimore, Md.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy	Baltimore, Md.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy
Boston, Mass.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy	Boston, Mass.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy
Buffalo, N. Y.	62	62	SE	8	Cloudy	Buffalo, N. Y.	62	62	SE	8	Cloudy
Chicago, Ill.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy	Chicago, Ill.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy
Cleveland, Ohio	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy	Cleveland, Ohio	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy
Denver, Colo.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy	Denver, Colo.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy
Indianapolis, Ind.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy	Indianapolis, Ind.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy
Kansas City, Mo.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy	Kansas City, Mo.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy
Los Angeles, Cal.	72	72	SE	8	Cloudy	Los Angeles, Cal.	72	72	SE	8	Cloudy
Memphis, Tenn.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy	Memphis, Tenn.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy
Minneapolis, Minn.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy	Minneapolis, Minn.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy
Portland, Me.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy	Portland, Me.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy
St. Louis, Mo.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy	St. Louis, Mo.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy
St. Paul, Minn.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy	St. Paul, Minn.	70	70	SE	8	Cloudy
Seattle, Wash.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy	Seattle, Wash.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy
Spokane, Wash.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy	Spokane, Wash.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy
Washington, D. C.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy	Washington, D. C.	68	68	SE	8	Cloudy

LOCAL FIRE RECORD

7:05—7111 Frankford ave.; William Morris.

8:19—Northeast corner Sixth and Market streets; A. J. H. H.

8:32—10th and Market sts.; A. J. H. H.

9:35—Main and Green sts.; Pennsylvania A. M.

12:07—620 N. Broad st.; Regal Motor Co.

2:00—143 S. 7th st.; Morris Garand.

6:30—611-13-15 Webster st.; warehouse.

2:00—1543 S. 7th st.; back fence of driveway occupied by Morris Garand.

6:00—611 Webster st.; rag shop of Hyman Selman.

TO REPORT LIGHTING PROBLEM

Arcs May Be Erected Whole Length of Frankford Avenue.

The lighting committee of the Frankford Board of Trade will make a report on the lighting problem of that part of the city at a meeting to be held tonight at 412 Frankford avenue.

In connection with this work, the Philadelphia Electric Company is to send five sample arc lights on Frankford avenue, north of Orthodox street. If these prove satisfactory similar lights probably be erected the entire length of the avenue.

LET'S GAS ESCAPE. LIGHTS MATCH, IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

When Explosion Fails, Man Is Arrested for Beating Wife.

An attempt to kill himself and family by filling a room with illuminating gas and then striking a match, led to the arrest of Harry O. 35 years old, of two Garden street, Bridgeburg, last night. He was held this morning by Magistrate Campbell, of the Frankford police station, facing a charge of assault and battery, performed by his wife.

According to Mrs. Orth, her husband was intoxicated when he came home last night and had only been in the house a few minutes. He had been in the house a few minutes. He had been in the house a few minutes.

When the explosion failed, the man was arrested for beating his wife.

PAINTERS' COLIC DRIVES YOUNG MAN TO SUICIDE

Victim Contracted Disease While Working in Automobile Shops.

Painters' colic, from which he had suffered for some years, is given as the motive for the suicide today of Howard Ruffe, 24 years old, who ended his life by drinking poison in his Atlantic City boarding house at 2115 Arch street, early today.

Ruffe's mother is proprietor of the National Hotel, Middleburg, Pa., and his family is said to be wealthy. The police have communicated with his relatives. The young man was found in his room this morning by the landlady, who discovered the odor of carbolic acid. He was pronounced dead at the Medical-Chirurgical Hospital.

SHOT BY HER ADMIRER. GIRL DIES IN HOSPITAL

Man Who Inflicted Fatal Wounds Committed Suicide.

NEGRO BEATEN AND ROBBED

A. J. Herring, a Negro, 35 years old, of 153 South 15th street, was held up, badly beaten and robbed by a number of Negroes late last night at 17th and Dickinson streets. He was taken to St. Agnes Hospital in an unconscious condition. His recovery is not expected. The police are conducting a diligent search for the assailants.

INMAN SHOWS FINE FORM

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Melbourne Inman, the champion at English billiards, showed that he is a master at the game in Maurice Daly's Academy last night, when he played an exhibition match with the Englishman. Inman won 100 points while the Canadian was winning 100. Inman completed the game with an unfinished run of 4 in the sixteenth inning.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR., WILL JOIN LOCAL FIRM

Will be New York Manager for Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., eldest son of former President Roosevelt, will become a partner in the firm of Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler, investment bankers, of 15-15th Street, and will be resident manager of the New York branch of the firm, which will be opened in the near future.

It was the intention of the firm to open offices in New York just before the Stock Exchange closed on Monday, but because of this fact the plan was deferred. It is understood, however, that the offices in New York may be opened before the resumption of the Stock Exchange.

Robert L. Montgomery, the head of the firm and the Stock Exchange member, will spend a part of his time in the office in this city and part of it in New York.

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